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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 14.

With the Alliance signed the Conference is devoting itself this week mainly to naval problems and the greatest interest centres daily on the discussions of the "Big Three." Complete mystery, however, surrounds the proceedings though the impressions gained from sources near them indicate that satisfactory progress is being made.

Japan obviously attaches much importance to the retention of the Mitsu and the question of fortifications on the Pacific. Indeed, if she obtains her aspirations on these two points her attitude on the ratio is liable to be far more elastic than hitherto. The Japanese are reported to have offered a compromise whereunder Britain and the United States would be allowed to keep one or more of their newer battleships if she is permitted to retain the Mitsu. While she adamantly declines to consent to the surrender of control of the Manchurian railways, Japan is displaying a disposition to meet the views of China on the Shantung question. The Chinese and Japanese spent almost the whole of yesterday discussing the railway question, subsequently intimating that progress had been made.

Britain is still pursuing the submarine question. Although he has abandoned hope of total abolition, Mr. Balfour is reserving two cards, firstly, the considerable reduction of ninety thousand tons proposed by the American scheme, and alternatively, the limitation of submarine construction to small and purely defensive types.

THE KING AND IRELAND.

London, Dec. 14.

The King in his speech at the opening of Parliament says that he summoned Parliament at an unusual time in order that the Irish agreement may be immediately submitted for their approval. There will be no other business during the present session. The King learnt with heartfelt joy that an agreement had been reached, after negotiations protracted many months, affecting the welfare not only of Ireland but of the British and Irish races throughout the world. He earnestly hoped that the agreement will end the strife of centuries, and Ireland as a free partner in the Commonwealth of nations forming the British Empire, will secure fulfilment of her national ideals.

A HEALTHY SIGN.

London, Dec. 14.

The Scottish colliers are leading night and day to cope with the rush of orders, which are unequalled since before the war. South Wales prices are stiffening on account of the rush of foreign orders.

CHINESE SEAMEN'S WAGES.

Marine Engineers' Guild Asked to Help.

Instructions have been given by the Chinese Seamen's Union to their solicitors to approach the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) with a view to obtaining his consent and, if possible, his attendance at a mass meeting to be held by the Union in City Hall to discuss the wages of Chinese crews with ship owners.

If the object of the interview is attained it is the intention of the Union to hold the meeting after Christmas and before the New Year so that whatever increase of pay the employers may concede will come into force on the 1st January, 1922, if members approve. The original date (November 1st) on which the increase was to commence has been cancelled by the Union and substituted by January 1st, 1922. The Union demands a 50 per cent increase of wages for Chinese seamen whose pay exceeds \$30 a month and 40 per cent for those who earn less than \$30.

In response to the request of the Pacific Mail two members of the Union interviewed the Manager of that Company last Monday with regard to the wages question.

There was no definite issue: the Company only promised to conform with whatever increase other shipping companies were prepared to grant.

We are informed by the Chairman of the Union that a letter has been sent to Mr. Stokes, Secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild, soliciting the support of his Guild.

POLO.

Play For Koyli Cup.

A polo match will be played on Saturday, at 4.15 p.m. on the Club Ground at Causeway Bay between the Army and Navy Teams for the "Koyli Cup." There are three teams entered, viz.—Army, Navy and Civilian. The Civilian team meets the winners of the above match in the final, which will be played on Thursday, 22nd, at 4 p.m.

The teams are made up as follows:—
Army: Lieut. R. P. Beaven 1, Lieut. C. Sargeant 2, Lieut. J. M. Dodginton 3, Major A. W. Timmis (back).

Navy: Lieut. H. E. Spragge 1, Sub-Lieut. E. M. Greenless 2, Lieut. D. W. Last 3, Capt. R. Neville (back).

Civilian: P. A. Co 1, J. E. Bibby 2, J. Bell-Irving 3, Gen. Macnaghten (back).

WORKING WOMEN'S CONGRESS.

Miss Zung to Speak in Hongkong.

For the first time China had a representative at the International Working Women's Congress which met recently just before the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations. This parliament of women, representing the hand workers of the world, was organized in October, 1919, at Washington, D.C., and held its second meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, last October. The International Labour Conference was convened immediately after the women's meeting and the delegates to the latter were privileged to attend the Labour Conference and to present the recommendations resulting from their gathering.

To this important gathering of women, Miss Zung Wei-tung, of the staff of the Chinese National Young Women's Christian Association, was sent, in response to an invitation to the women of China through the medium of the Y.M.C.A.

Some of the principal matters considered at the Women's Congress were the questions of a weekly rest day in commercial and industrial employment, the improvement of the working conditions of those engaged in agriculture, and a discussion of industrial progress in the light of the most recent developments in the present period of reconstruction.

Miss Zung has for a long time been deeply interested in the industrial situation in China and is able on her return to bring back to the men and women of China directly concerned the spirit and message of this very significant Congress. She comes through Hongkong next week and has been asked to give an address to the leaders of Chinese guilds and others interested in industry, in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, on Friday evening, December 23rd.

VOLLEY BALL.

The Hongkong School League

The Hongkong School Volley Ball League composed of fourteen schools teams held their final games this week. The Senior League Championship goes to St. Paul's College; runner up, Queen's College. The Junior League Championship was won by Queen's College; runner up, St. Paul's. The Small Boys Championship fell to Ellis Kadoorie School.

The Championship Cups for the three leagues will be awarded on Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. on the Playground of the Y.M.C.A. following a match game between the winners of the Senior and Junior championships. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Supt. of Police, will make the presentation.

LOCAL WEDDING.

Sutherland—Dottridge.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at 3 p.m. yesterday, when Mr. A. R. Sutherland, headmaster of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, was married to Miss Dorothy Ida Dottridge of the Government Civil Hospital. Mr. Sutherland is the second son of the late Dr. A. Sutherland of Invergordon and his bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. W. Dottridge of London.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. B. Lindsay and there was quite a gathering of the more intimate friends of the parties. The bride, who was charmingly gowned and had two pretty little trainbearers in blue, was given away by Dr. Smalley, his daughters Rachel and Mary attending the bride. Mrs. Smalley was also in attendance, as matron of honour, and subsequently gave a reception at her home for the newly married couple where the customary toasts were honoured.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland left afterwards for Repulse Bay and proceeded to-day to Macao and Canton on their honeymoon.

LAWN TENNIS.

University v. Canton Christian College.

The following will represent the University in a tennis match against the Canton Christian College at 10 a.m. to-morrow at the University: D. Leung and A. Rumjahn; M. K. Yue and H. M. Soo.



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THE TER MEULEN PLAN FOR COMMERCE.

Restoration Scheme Presented to President Harding.

The Ter Meulen plan for the restoration of world commerce was explained to President Harding and Secretary of Treasury Mellon by Sir Drummond Fraser, appointed organizer by the Brussels International Conference last March. Sir Drummond attended the convention of the American Bankers' Association at Los Angeles. The plan, of which the Dutch banker Ter Meulen is the author, was adopted by the bankers.

According to Sir Drummond there are only two things required to restore the war-stricken countries of Europe to their part in the economic whole of the commercial world:

1. The restoration of confidence in American exporters that the importers of the European countries will be able to pay for the goods sent to them by the American exporters.

2. The provision of a guarantee from the importer which will satisfy the American exporter of the importer's ability to pay provided he has the required credit. The plan provides for the mobilization of national assets of the war-stricken countries in return for which Ter Meulen bonds are issued, which constitute the guarantee. Sir Drummond said, explaining the plan, "the bonds, issued, are lent to the importer, who hands them to the exporter in return for goods. When the importer pays, the bonds are returned to him and by him to his own government and can be used again by the government. Thus a revolving reservoir of credit is established for the use of American exporters, in the same way as acceptances before the war provided for the equilibrium of world commerce."

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"The British, French and Belgian governments have already gone a long way to support the plan. The American Bankers' Association has adopted the plan and has appointed a commission to co-operate with us in the operation of the plan." "N. Y. Maritime Register."

ANTHONY TROLLOPE'S HOUSE FOR HARROW.
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"It is very difficult to predict the shipping outlook," declared Mr. Ito, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders held in the Tokyo Young Men's Christian Association Hall on the 23rd. ult. "Recovery may not be possible until the whole world recovers from the economic depression it is at present undergoing, for it is this depression which is the fundamental cause of shipping inactivity. When this is done, cargo will be so increased that tonnage now idle can be employed in taking the merchandise to any and every destination."

The results of the company's operations during the period under review were far from satisfactory, as the net profit amounted to only ¥3,330,000, which was ¥2,500,000 less than that for the preceding term, and ¥6,000,000 less than the corresponding period of last year. This was due to the world's economic inactivity, which brought about a decline in cargo and a lowering of freight rates. In the passenger trade, however, favourable results were realized owing to the fares being increased.

A twenty per cent. dividend was declared. Continuing his speech, Mr. Ito said:—

EXCESS OF TONNAGE.
"The Powers having worked energetically to improve and extend their shipping the world's steamship tonnage has now been increased to about 60,000,000 tons, some 130 per cent. more than before the war. The cargo to be transported, however, has much diminished, with the result that there has been a great over-supply of tonnage. The income from freights greatly declined, while the shipowners' expenses have done nothing but increase. Thus, it is but natural that they are all in more or less distress. During the period under review, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha retrenched more rigorously than ever, and economized to the extent of ¥4,750,000 in the cost of steamers and management. Its freight receipts, on the other hand, decreased by ¥6,300,000 yen."

BETTER INDICATIONS.
"It is satisfactory to see, however, some appearance of stabilization. The steamers tied up throughout the world were formerly 10,000,000 tons, but it is now estimated that this has been reduced to 8,000,000 tons. Time will show whether this is only temporary, or is the beginning of the road to recovery. In the meantime, it is not anticipated that the freight situation can become worse, provided no further unfavourable factors present themselves."

"About three years elapsed since the conclusion of the armistice. In that period German reparations question, with its great and direct bearing on the recovery of European economic conditions, has been settled, the English coal strike and the American seamen's strike have subsided, and the threatened American railroad strike has been averted. If economic conditions in Central Europe, excluding Germany, and in Russia improve, it will do much to stabilize world economics, and stimulate trade."

PREVIOUS BOOMS.
"Records show that there were three periods of great shipping prosperity throughout the world before the war, namely, in 1889, 1900 and 1912. Each time the dullness of reaction followed the boom, and on an average it took four and a half years for the recovery to take place. After the Japan-China and Japan-Russian Wars, we ourselves observed that our shipping recovered after about four or five years' reactionary inactivity. We cannot, however, expect shipping to recover in a like period in the present case, for the last war caused unusually severe and extensive damage, both material and moral."

LESS TONNAGE BUILT THIS YEAR.
"The tonnage built this year in the world's shipyards has shown a great decrease. The tonnage built at the end of September, according to Lloyds, was 3,750,000 tons, excluding work suspended or otherwise delayed. This is 50 per cent. less than a year ago. The possible economic improvement and the curtailment of building are hoped to readjust the world's tonnage and ultimately to balance supply and demand, bringing about the real recovery of the shipping trade."

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.
"As marine transporters, we cannot overlook the Washington Conference, which is discussing disarmament and Far Eastern

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questions. Though too early to criticize its decisions and their effects, yet if armament restriction, equal opportunity and the Open Door are sincerely considered and brought about by the world's delegates, the effects on the world's economic communities will be great, including Japan's merchant marine. We watch with great interest the Conference's progress and expect much from it. We may express to the world our hope for the extension of equal opportunity and the Open Door, which are the basis of the world's peace. The principle that commerce has no boundaries is indispensable to maintain international peace. It is regrettable that the Powers' policies have been apt to militate against it. This creates unfair international rivalries and collisions of interests and sentiment which might lead to the disturbance of peace. It is to be sincerely desired that the Washington Conference will recognize equal commercial opportunity and the Open Door on the world, with freedom of commerce and shipping."

JAPAN'S OVER-POPULATION.
"Armament reduction will undoubtedly divert a huge amount for productive use. There are many ways to employ such money, economically, socially and otherwise, most particularly in the overpopulation of Japan. It calls for prompt solution by the Government and people by emigration and colonization in Manchuria, Mongolia, Siberia, South America, French India and China. This will require more and more the extension of shipping, which will undoubtedly grow more important with disarmament and the development of peaceful industries. Therefore, we need not be pessimistic about the future of shipping, though it is necessary for us to be prudent and persevering in order to tide over the present depression."

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN JAPAN.

Relief Enterprises.

An association known by the name of the *Jiei-kai* or the Self-examination Association has been organized by a number of discharged workmen in the Hanshin district. The association has recently agreed to start a rubber manufacturing business by the mutual subscription of the necessary funds. For this object members of the association have recently hired an unoccupied cake factory belonging to the Morigata Confectionery Company at Amagasaki and partly arranged it for their purpose. It is also reported that the members are now setting up machinery which is expected to be ready by the middle of next month and to be put in use forthwith. The number of workers to be employed to begin with at this factory is understood to be 150 in all, of whom 100 or so are to be females. The applicants seem to be very numerous.

The new factory is to be managed by a former worker at the Takegawa Rubber Company in the same district and various other managers have already been selected from among the discharged workers. The Mayor of Amagasaki and others interested are now promoting the undertaking jointly and its opening ceremony is to take place at the Miyako-za Theatre, Amagasaki, to-day.

Another undertaking is reported by the vernacular papers as in progress among the discharged workers of Kobe Kawasaki Dockyard. The scheme mentioned is to form an undertaking with a capital of ¥200,000, to be called the Kaizo Kabushiki, or the Reconstruction Joint Stock Company. Its motive is to save the general public from the unreasonable extortion of funeral costs by the numerous professional funeral agencies in Kobe and suburbs. The promoters seem to have been formerly in charge of the funeral business at the Kawasaki Dockyard. To take advantage of this concern a family is requested to pay 50 yen per month, and

when a funeral is to be conducted special motorcars for the purpose will be provided free of charge. In case of no death occurring in the course of five years a refund of instalments and distribution of dividends are promised.

SWISS BANKRUPTS.
Already this year 472 bank-ruptcies have been registered in Switzerland, compared with 243 in 1919 and 435 last year.

PREPARING FOR THE PRINCE.
It is stated in a Shanghai journal that a new uniform has been designed for the members of the Young Men's Association, who will assemble in force from all parts of Japan when the Prince of Wales visits Japan, and all these young men, and school children, will be taught the British national anthem, with the singing of which they will greet the Prince.

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NOTICE.

The Annual Christmas Treat given by the Members of the Catholic Union Club and their friends to the Pensioners under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held at the Cathedral Compound Glebe, on Sunday, 18th December, 1921, at 3 p.m. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

BRITISH LEGION.

HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday, 21st Dec., 1921, at 5.15 p.m. with the following objects:—

1. To accept the Constitution of the "British Legion."
 2. To conform the existing Rules of the Branch, except in so far as the same conflict with the Constitution, pending the adoption of By-Laws to be drawn up by the General Committee and submitted to a General Meeting.
 3. To appoint Auditors.
- By order of the General Committee.
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Hon. Secretary.

G. R. NOTICE.

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Approx. Value
1	Frontage 100 ft. Depth 100 ft.	1.0	10,000	£100,000
2	Frontage 100 ft. Depth 100 ft.	1.0	10,000	£100,000
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6	Frontage 100 ft. Depth 100 ft.	1.0	10,000	£100,000
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6	Frontage 100 ft. Depth 100 ft.	1.0	10,000	£100,000
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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police Hongkong, 13th Dec., 1921.

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Madame Lottie Gordon's AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

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To-day, at 5.30 p.m. Under the patronage of Lady Stubbs, Hongkong's Leading Vocalists and Musicians. Booking now open at Moutrie's. Tickets: Reserved, 2s. Unreserved, 1s. A Grand Chickering Piano will be used.

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(Sunday being New Year's Day, the above Dinner Dance will commence from 7.30 p.m.)

Monday, 2nd January, 1922

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Hongkong, 13th Dec., 1921.

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VISCOUNT TAKAHASHI.

From Domestic Servant to
Premier.

The Meiji Restoration produced many remarkable and wonderful careers. But the career of Viscount Takahashi, who was formally appointed Premier on the 13th instant, is as remarkable and as wonderful as any of them. His history, as told by the Japanese papers in great detail, may be recounted as follows:—Viscount Takahashi is officially registered as the eldest son of Mr. Takahashi Korekado, a samurai of the Sendai clan, being born in the seventh month of the first year of Ansei (1854). But it would appear that he really was the son of a painter in the service of the Yedo Government of the name of Kawamura, and was adopted by a Takahashi, an *ushigumi* (lowest vassal) of the Lord of Sendai. In that city he had some schooling, in the course of which he distinguished himself that he was recommended as a boy to be sent to America for study at the expense of the clan. On his arrival in America in 1868, however, he had the misfortune to have his money embezzled by an American to whom it had been unwisely entrusted for transmission. Instead of going to school, therefore, he had to make his living as a servant. This was the origin of the generally accepted report that he was sold as a slave in America—a story which the date of his arrival there makes impossible. Anyhow, his lot was as hard as it had really been a slave; he had to take his scanty and coarse meals out-of-doors, and it was his duty to look after the dogs and clean the window-panes. Later he transferred his services to the household of a rich man in Auckland, where he was so badly treated by one of his fellow-servants, a Chinese cook, that he made up his mind to kill his persecutor with the dagger which he always carried with him. But he was cool enough to think that he might as well take the opinion of his American master first as to the likely consequences of his meditated action. Needless to say,

he was dissuaded from his murderous purpose by the astonished American and his travel continued until he was rescued by Mr. Tomia (Tetsunosuke, the Consul-General there, and brought to Japan after some two years' stay in America, during which he seems to have supported the whole round of mental hardship. He now boasts that he can clean plates and knives and forks, and wash and iron shirts and curtains as well as a professional. But this was not the only fruit of his early experiences in America. He had mastered English to such an extent that he managed to pass the Custom-house in Yokohama unchallenged by singing ditties in English as he walked, and thus pretending to be an American youth. If he had show his passport it might have gone hard with him, for he was of the Sendai clan, which was then looked upon as an enemy of the Imperial Court just reinstated in power.

TEACHER OF ENGLISH.

Takahashi came home at a time very lucky for him, for the English language was then so much in fashion that a man who could read Parley's "Universal History" could earn 200 yen a month. Takahashi still in his teens, and yet he was engaged as teacher of English at the Kaiser Gakko, the predecessor of the present Tokyo Imperial University, where he taught English to men older than himself. Being in receipt of nearly ¥50 a month—handsome pay in those days—he was in a position to taste the pleasures of the city. As he was an amiable man with plenty of cash, he was so favourably received by a geisha of the name of Adzuma in Shimabashi that he neglected his duties at the school and was dismissed. He was now an inmate of his favourite's house and acted as attendant to the young lady, carrying the samisen about for her in her professional visit to various houses of pleasure. It was during this period of his life that he was pursued with a drawn sword by a follower of a famous swordsman who was his rival in the affections of the fascinating geisha. However, it was not written that he should long remain in this cozy but somewhat undignified position. He was engaged as teacher by a school of English just established at Kanatsu, Hizen Province, at ¥100 a month, under the assumed name of Adzuma Taro (after Adzuma, the geisha). There he remained about two years, teaching mathematics and universal history as well as English to promising young men, many of whom are now prominent figures in various lines of activity. The school was closed in 1872 and he came back to Tokyo. He then for some time translated articles from the London Times and other foreign papers for the Tokyo *Nichuichi*, his colleague in this work being the late Viscount Suyematsu, son-in-law to Prince Ito. About this time he seems also to have been connected with the Department of Education in some subordinate role. Later, he found more lucrative work at the Department of Agriculture and Commerce in 1881. While working as a translator there, he came across an encyclopedia coming from Hongkong or Shanghai, from which he translated the Patent Law. The result was that the Patent Office was organised in that Department with Takahashi for its first Director. (At that time, the late Premier, Mr. Hara, was Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and Mr. Nakashima, the present Minister of Education, was Councillor to the Department.) He was afterwards transferred to the Directorship of the Official Organisation Bureau in the same Department,

in which he remained until 1890, when he was put on the retired list. This brings us to a curious episode in Takahashi's variegated career.

SILVER SEEKER IN PERU.

About this time a certain silver mine in Peru was represented to him by Mr. Herren, a German adventurer, to be exceedingly promising. This was, he thought, a chance for his country and also for him, and, collecting capital from his friends and acquaintances, he proceeded to Peru, only to find that the mine was an exhausted one. Nothing came out of it but earth. All his capital was lost and the capital of his friends, while he had given up his official post. It was a steep fall from an influential director of a bureau to a disgraced adventurer. He was so exasperated at his failure that he was resolved that he would never appear in public any more. But his friend would not allow him to bury himself in obscurity. Baron Kawada Koichiro, the then Vice-Governor of the Bank of Japan, offered to recommend him to the post of a prefectural governor, but Takahashi was resolved never to stand in a public position again after his failure in Peru. The more Takahashi declined to assume a position of responsibility, the more anxious Kawada was to make use of his ability. The upshot was that it was decided that Takahashi should join the Bank of Japan, but he should go through all the training from the bottom. He was afterwards transferred to the Specie Bank, of which he became the Vice-President in 1907. In 1909, the high officials of the Bank of Japan taking offence at the promotion of their colleague Mr. (now Baron) Yamamoto, the present Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, to the Governorship of the Bank, and for other and better reasons resigned in a body. Takahashi then re-entered the Bank of Japan from the Specie Bank and assisted Governor Yamamoto in settling the trouble. Yamamoto is thus senior to Takahashi. It was for this reason that it was feared he would not remain in office under Premier Takahashi, though as a matter of fact he showed himself so devoid of false pride that he not merely agreed to remain in office under Takahashi but declared his readiness to support the Premier to the best of his ability.

PROMOTING FOREIGN LOANS.

The war with Russia found Takahashi in his new post of Vice-Governor at the Bank of Japan. As such, he was sent to England and France in order to raise foreign loans for financing the war—a task in which he showed much tact and ability. He succeeded in floating loans to the amount of ¥1,600,000,000. According to the *Yei*, Mr. Inouye, the present Governor of the Bank, was surprised at the great confidence which Takahashi inspired in foreign countries. Having proved himself to be a national treasure in way of borrowing money, plain Mr. Takahashi became Baron Takahashi in 1907. Since then, his advance in the official ladder has been both rapid and remarkable. He was first appointed Governor of the Specie Bank and then of the Bank of Japan, until he assumed the post of Minister of Finance in the Yamamoto Ministry in 1913. He was then virtually compelled to join the Seiyukai, of which he has now become the President. When the Hara Ministry was formed, he again became Minister of Finance.

A MAN OF MANY NAMES.

The statesman was born Kawamura Wakichi and is now called Takahashi Korekiyo. But during the interval his name underwent various changes.

First he became Takahashi Wakichi as a result of adoption. Then he was called Hashi wakichiro when he was teacher at the Kaiser Gakko in order to disguise his identity as a vassal of the Sendai Clan, which was regarded, as already mentioned, as an enemy of the Imperial House. When he was a teacher in Kyushu, he was known by the name of Adzuma Taro. He was born a commoner, became a samurai in consequence of adoption and has raised himself to the peerage by his merits. Though a Viscount and worth some millions of yen, the new Premier is said to be more of a commoner in his temperament than the Great Commoner, the late Mr. Hara. It is sometimes declared that while Hara posed for effect, Takahashi is unaffected and unpretending, though his self-confidence in financial matters is (or at least was) great indeed. Though the President of the biggest political party and holder of the highest office in Japan, Takahashi's mind is often away on his farm in the Hokkaido. He is in the world, but not entirely of it. He is a scholar as well as a politician. Rough and careless in his appearance, he is a hard worker and diligent reader. His reading is not limited to books on finance and economics, which he has made his speciality. His bold advocacy of the abolition of the Department of Education and the General Staff Office is one of the results of his extensive reading. In the Reporters' Club attached to the Finance Office, he has the nicknames "Taiko Sama," because he has been a great builder like Taiko Hidayoshi of yore. The building of the present Department of Agriculture and Commerce was planned by him. The present edifice of the Bank of Japan was also built when Takahashi was in charge of the building department in that Bank. His other, and more general nickname is "Dharma," suggested no less by his temperament than by the resemblance of his countenance to that of the Buddhist sage. Like other self-made and successful men, he is said to have a contempt for experts. The stone embankment of his Oiso villa had been washed away again and again despite its being planned by a well-known engineer, until Viscount Takahashi took the matter in hand and constructed the embankment according to his own plan, which has since successfully withstood the weather and sea.

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JAPANESE IN SHANGHAI.

The *Sinwanpon* notes that, since the census was taken last year, the Japanese population in Shanghai has increased from 15,515 to 17,797, and observes that this increase is strange, in view of the fact that business has been so dull.

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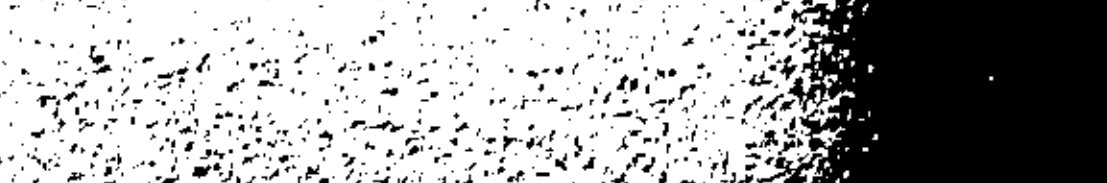
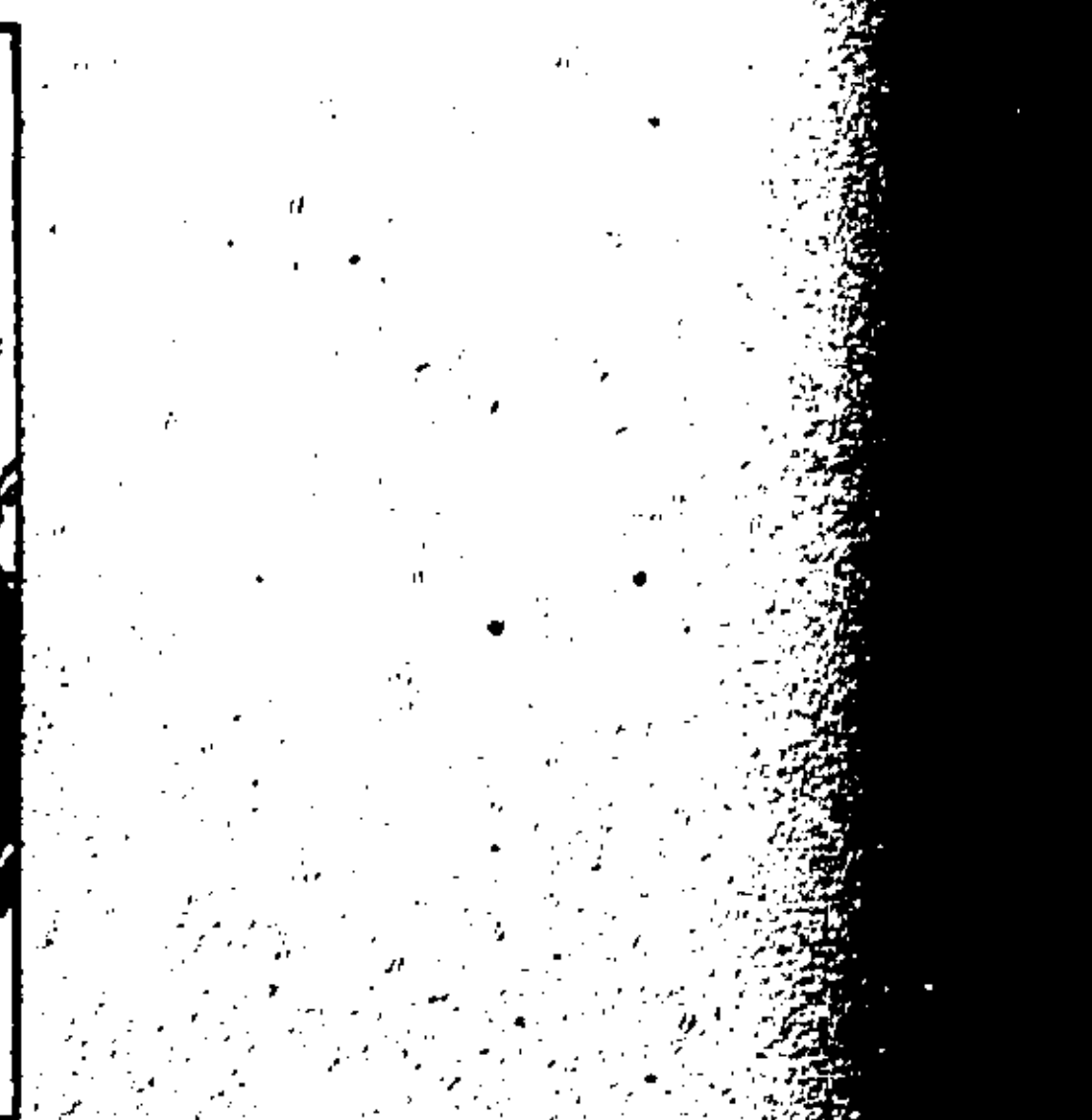
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1921.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Following the receipt of a *Hong Kong* telegram on Monday stating that the French Government is again considering the reorganisation of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, local depositors will doubtless be looking forward to more definite news than they have been favoured with of late. According to *Le Journal*, the Government is still considering the appropriation of the balance of the Boxer Indemnity for the purpose—a proposition which will hardly inspire enthusiasm or confidence. The Chinese Government has long since been given the French Boxer Indemnity money for the purposes of education and it is hardly a fair proposition for the French Government to divert the use of that money to another end. There will be strong objections from more than one source and our own opinion is that such a scheme will be bound to fall through as did the earlier scheme of raising a loan upon the credit of China. What is needed is for the French Government to assume responsibility itself for the bank's shortcomings, especially in view of the fact that it was only on assurances being given that the Government was behind the institution that heavy withdrawals were prevented some months before the crash came.

We think it a pity that the telegram sent from Hongkong a little while back was not phrased in such a manner as to call for a reply. It was simply a pious expression of hope on which nothing has been heard. Creditors in Peking have been urging the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and of Finance to take up the question of repayment of deposits and there have been some very outspoken utterances in the northern capital. They have asked for a statement regarding the Bank's exact financial position in China and they want to hold the former Chinese President of the Bank responsible because it was upon repeated statements by him that a belief was created that the Bank was flourishingly solvent. The new French Minister, M. Fleuriot, is being button-holed on the matter and there is an obvious air of impatience. We notice that in Singapore Mr. Justice Barrett-Lennard, before whom the formal winding up petition of the local branch has come, has made it plain that there will be no further postponement of the hearing unless there is definite evidence that something is being done. It was stated in Court that it was a question of waiting for evidence showing that creditors were likely to be paid in full or in part, but that owing to the absence of M. Briand in America the Paris position had been allowed to stand where it was. The general opinion is that there has been an overfondness to procrastinate and that the Paris Government is trying to get out of its responsibilities as lightly as possible. The damage to French credit throughout the Far East seems to have been either overlooked or ignored.

It should be made quite clear that the failure of the Bank has not only been a serious thing for French credit, but has caused a deal of hardship and suffering to comparatively poor people who were encouraged to deposit their savings with it. Here in Hongkong there are many, both Chinese and foreigners, whose credits at the Bank represented their all and it is manifestly unfair to them that this matter of winding up should be indefinitely delayed. The hope that the French Government will see them through is the only justification for it, but judging on the attitude of the past that hope would seem to be none too well-founded. We need something far more definite and concrete than we have yet had.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

China's Judiciary.

A Chinese journal records that, besides two native barristers of Hankow, the Chief Justice of Hupah and three other leading judges have been arrested by order of the Central Government on account of corruption, evidently signifying bribery. It is added that the Ministry of Justice has refused to throw the inquiry open to the public, which seems to imply that the case is a pretty bad one. It may be that the Government is partly to blame by reason of salaries being in arrears. The matter is of some interest to Europeans now that the abolition of extra-territoriality is under consideration by the Powers. There have been sundry signs that China is making an endeavour to reform her judicial system, and so far is entitled to credit. Although it is easy to magnify the importance of detached incidents, the Hupah case gives an indication of the big task involved when the Chief Justice and three puisne judges are implicated in the charges. From many tokens it is a logical inference that a tremendous amount of work awaits the reformers, as to which the Powers' committee of investigation may be expected to provide some valuable enlightenment.

Affairs in India.

Affairs in India, assuredly disquieting enough, are somewhat less so than the opening of the message from London would denote. At any rate, the news does not go much beyond what was already known. In regard to the action of "four prominent native members of the Imperial Legislative Assembly" in accusing the Government of repressive action, it is difficult to know what to think. How can any open-minded observer, whatever his nationality, seriously charge the Government with favouring repression when the events of the past twelve months are surveyed? On numerous occasions the authorities, in their wish to avoid any such appearance, have held their hand to a point that has not improbably contributed to the turbulence. To have delayed longer would have been the most culpable folly. The same native members press the Government to formulate a constructive policy which will recognise the rapid changes. Do these sapient legislators mean that control should be handed over to Mr. Gandhi, and if they do not mean that, what do they mean? Not a few leading Indians as well as the mass of Europeans considered that the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms inaugurated this year are quite "rapid" enough in their tendency. The bright spot in the picture is that Benares refused to emulate Allahabad in boycotting the Prince.

Sir Edgar Speyer.

Sir Edgar Speyer, as apparently he still is, though divested of his Privy Councilship and of British nationality, was obviously placed in a difficult position on the outbreak of the Great War. Up till that period he held an excellent record as a British citizen. Born at Frankfurt, of we believe, German and Jewish parentage, he was naturalised when he transferred to London in 1887 to take charge of the influential house of Speyer Brothers, founded by his father. He certainly brought a gleam of brightness into the life of the East-End by his efforts in founding the Whitechapel Art Gallery, and he did useful work as a member of the Company Law Amendment Committee. His services were rewarded with a baronetcy, while the regard which he inspired is attested by his having been sworn in of the Privy Council a dozen years ago. The outbreak of the great conflict placed more than one big financier in a difficult position. Sir Ernest Cassel, who was also a German by birth, but had been naturalised for many years, asked to be allowed to relinquish his knighthood after he had been subjected to considerable criticism. The then Premier, Mr. Asquith, replied with an expression of complete confidence, and Sir Ernest continued to live in England until his decease a few weeks ago. Sir Edgar Speyer, on the other hand, quitted the country very shortly after the start of the war, and although the findings of the committee of inquiry do not attach the darker species of guilt to the absentee, it will be generally felt that the transgressions were sufficiently grave to call for the action that has been taken. The findings exonerate the other partners in the firm of Speyer Brothers.

DAY-BY-DAY.

LIFE, TO BE WORTHY OF A NATIONAL BEING, MUST BE ALWAYS IN PROGRESSION; WE MUST ALWAYS PURSUE TO DO MORE OR BETTER THAN IN TIMES PAST.—Johnson.

A folk of the Shun Hing Bank, of 254, Des Voeux Road, has absconded with a sum of \$1,000, the property of the bank.

Another opium fiend, who was yesterday caught by C.P.O. Watt hovering over a boiling pan, was this morning sent to prison for three months.

An elderly Chinese was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from effects of an over-dose of opium believed to have been self-administered in an attempt to commit suicide.

Chan Tong, a coolie living at a matshed at Kailanwan, Aberdeen Village, was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital with a broken leg sustained by jumping over the verandah of the second floor of a house at Ladder Street.

A lecture, which is open to the public, will be given at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday next, December 21st, at 5.30 p.m. by Miss Yung Wei Tsang on "Chinese Women and Children in Industry." Miss Yung was China's representative at the International Working Women's Congress at Geneva in October, 1920.

After some thirty years of service the bridge over which the Peak trams run near the top station showed signs of wear some time ago, a crack appearing in one of the supports. The Company decided in the interests of passengers that the old bridge was becoming unsafe and a new one has now been erected.

An hour after her admission, the victim of the motor car accident which occurred at 1.30 p.m. yesterday near the Central Market died as a result of her injuries. The car, with Mrs. A.H. Ferguson, wife of the Manager of the Chartered Bank, was being started when a small girl ran in front of it and was knocked down. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where her injuries proved fatal.

"There is no difference in principle between selling in this manner and sending out your hawk." Mr. R. E. Lindsell told a man who was charged at the instance of the C.S.P. with selling cloth in D'Aguilar Street without a licence. It was stated that the defendant took into the road several samples of cloth to solicit for custom. A fine of \$5 was inflicted by the Magistrate.

William Harris, who was only yesterday discharged from Victoria Gaol where he served a month's sentence for stowing away on a steamer from Manila, was retaken into custody by the police and charged by them before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with being a rogue and vagabond. It was not to be expected that a man who is a stranger to the Colony and has been only one day out of gaol would be able to find a job in the short time permitted him, but it appeared that the desire of the authorities was to have him in their custody until arrangements could be made to return him to the American Consul General for his deportation back to Manila by the first available steamer. Mr. R. E. Lindsell in accordance with his plan, consigned Harris to the House of Detention as a temporary measure.

A five dollar bill on which the figure had been altered to \$100, was one of seven notes produced by Sub-Inspector Detective Grant in a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. The defendant, a Chinese, was charged with uttering this note and with being in possession of the six others. The arrest was brought about by the fact that since the passing of a forged \$50 note on a shop, the folk had been warned by their employer to keep a sharp lookout, with the result that the defendant was detected when he presented the forged \$100 note. The Magistrate suggested that instead of presenting the indictment against the defendant on two charges, the offence could be covered by one count of being in possession of all the seven false notes. Inspector Grant acquiesced, and the hearing was adjourned for a few days.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-Day's Meeting.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon, over which H. E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K. C. M. G.) presided. There were also present—

Lt.-Gen. Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., C.S.I.
The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.C., Colonial Secretary.
The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, O.R.E., Attorney General.
The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works.
The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.R.E., Colonial Treasurer.
The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education.
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.
The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.
The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.
The Hon. Mr. Chow Stou-sun.
The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen.
Mr. S. B. McDermid, Clerk of Councils.

DECORATIONS BESTOWED.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the Council, His Excellency presented the O.B.E. (Military Division) to Capt. B. D. C. Morgan, and Paymaster Lieut.-Comdr. Marcel received the R.N.R. Officers' Decoration.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The following financial minutes were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently passed—

\$4,939 in aid of the vote Police, Special Expenditure, Motor Ambulance.
\$10,900 in aid of the following votes—Public Works, Recurrent—Hongkong Communications—(6) Maintenance of Roads and Bridges outside city, \$8,000; (7) Improvements to Roads and Bridges outside city, \$1,500; Lighting—(10) Gas Lighting, City and Suburbs and Hill District, \$1,200; (11) Electric Lighting, City, Hill District and Shaokwan, \$200.
\$26,800 in aid of the following votes—Public Works, Extraordinary—New Territories, Communications—(7) Roads; (b) Taiipo Road—widening and improving road between 3rd and 5th milestones, \$20,700; Miscellaneous—(82) Pier at Cheung Chau, \$4,100.

NEW BILL.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of an Ordinance to facilitate the reciprocal enforcement of judgments and awards in the Colony of Hongkong and in other parts of His Majesty's dominions and in certain other territories.

The "Objects and Reasons."

1. The object of this bill is to provide for the reciprocal enforcement of judgments and awards in the Colony and other parts of His Majesty's dominions and in territories under His Majesty's protection.
2. The bill follows the lines of the Administration of Justice Act, 1920, 10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 81, Part II, and is now introduced on instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Part II of the Act is based on the report of the Committee appointed by the Lord Chancellor to consider the conduct of legal proceedings between parties in the United Kingdom and parties abroad and the enforcement of judgments and awards.

3. Clause 3 provides for the enforcement in the Colony of judgments obtained in the United Kingdom. Application is to be made to the Supreme Court for the registration of the judgment, and upon registration the judgment is to be of the same effect as if it had been obtained in the Supreme Court here. The judgment will be registered only if, in all the circumstances of the case, the court thinks it just and convenient that the judgment should be enforced here, and sub-clause (2) specifies several kinds of judgments which must not be registered, e.g., judgments given by courts acting without jurisdiction, judgments obtained by fraud, and judgments which are the subject of a pending appeal. Sub-clause (4) provides that the judgment debtor is to be given notice of the registration, and that the registration may be set aside by the Supreme Court.

4. Clause 4 authorises the issue of certified copies of judgments obtained in the Colony in cases where the judgment debtor is resident in the United Kingdom, this being for the purpose of enforcing such judgments in the United Kingdom.

5. Clause 5 provides that the practice and procedure in respect of proceedings under the Ordinance may be regulated by rules of court, and gives the Chief Justice power to make such rules, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council.

6. Sub-clause (1) of clause 6 authorises the Governor by Order in Council to extend the Ordinance to judgments obtained in a superior court in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside United Kingdom when he is satisfied that reciprocal provisions have been made by the legislature of that part of His Majesty's dominions for the enforcement there of judgments obtained in the Supreme Court of this Colony.

7. Sub-clause (3) of clause 6 provides that the expression "any part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom" shall be deemed to include any territory which is under His Majesty's protection or in respect of which a mandate is being exercised by the Government of any part of His Majesty's dominions.

THE CENSUS.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., asked: "When will the final Report on the Census, which was taken last Spring, be published?" The reply was that the report had been presented to the Council to-day.

BILLS PASSED.

The following Bills were read a second and third time and passed—

An Ordinance to amend further the Rents Ordinance, 1921.
An Ordinance to regulate the imposition of the penalty of stocks.

ST. DUNSTAN'S HOME.

Wigwam Tennis Club's Contribution.

The following letter from the late Sir Arthur Pearson, dated November 8th, was received on Tuesday by Mr. E. H. O'Farrell, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. who lately acted as Hon. Secretary of the now defunct Wigwam Tennis Club—

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter containing the welcome contribution of £23 5s. 6d., which has been sent for the benefit of St. Dunstan's funds, and which is the balance of funds from the Wigwam Tennis Club, Hongkong.

I enclose an official receipt for this amount, and with it I hope you will accept yourself and convey to all concerned an expression of very sincere and cordial thanks on behalf of the gallant men who will benefit by such practical interest in their welfare.

Such substantial assistance is very deeply appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

ARTHUR PEARSON.
(Chairman, Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee).

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

A few years ago it was seldom we ever heard about economics. Just as the war made millions of men into amateur soldiers so its aftermath has turned countless thousands into amateur economists. For the average man the word economics is really formidable. Not long ago, I had the run of a man's library when he was home on holiday. I think I read most every book in it with the exception of those which dealt with economics, political or otherwise. As it's a dreich subject right enough, for myself, I'd rather read the Bible fifty times over. And I think most of us, if we were honest, would nearly all say the same. Yet I don't know. Just the other night I heard a man lauding off about the wisdom of America cancelling the Allies' debts. Of course, mind ye, opinions like that are apt to be deceiving. Maybe he'd just read something about it of the night before in some paper or other. When ye come to think of it we do use a lot of stuff second hand without due acknowledgment. There are quite a few things we absolutely refuse to use after other people, pipes, clothes and the like, but as a rule we havena the slightest compunction in passing off as our own what another man says, always excepting, of course, his opinion of ourselves. I noticed this a lot during the war. Some folk there were who seemed to thrive on a steady diet of military correspondence views with the result that what they didn't know about most everything military wasn't worth the heeding. Just how far this process ends with regard to the bulk of our general reading, and where subconscious memory begins, is maybe hard to say. Ay, I suppose we're all plagiarists to some extent if for no other reason but to prove that there's nothing new in the world after all. It's a kind o' intriguing subject but I'm afraid I'll have to leave it to somebody more able than myself to follow up.

As I was saying though, man there's a terrible lot o' economists in our midst nowadays. I dinna mean economy on the lines o' saving money exactly, for Scotsmen have always been noted for doing good work in that direction, but if it's no' export credits and consortiums, it's reparations and house rents. All these things they tell me are economic. Even our reservations would appear to belong to that category nowadays. When a bank fails now, I can understand that kind o' economics and in this same connection here's a viewpoint that lot's have lost sight of. When the Banque Industrielle shut up it wasn't only a question of the unfortunate creditors; it is a matter of concern for the community; for when a man's francs are tied up in a ledger and he canna get them to pay his bills wi' he's no' able to settle up, wi' the result that his creditors in turn have to wait. It's a case of live horse and ye'll get grass, all round. I havena noticed it yet, but I've tried to think of what

would be likely to happen in the event of a man being sued for debt and him setting up the plea that he'd plenty of money and was willing to pay, only the French Government hadn't yet decided on the best way of fixing up the bank without having to pay the money itself. I fancy in the circumstances that the learned judge would be inclined to stay execution. Maybe it'll come to be a case of a personal meritum yet before this business is settled.

So you see how the dismal science of economics has become something more to lots of folk than merely a catchword; it has become a real living thing and something which we are all vitally concerned.

It's the old, old story once more. As long as things go smoothly wi' us we refuse to worry about cause and effect; we're quite content to let things slide. It's no' a bad attitude of mind to cultivate either. It saves a lot of trouble more especially when it's our neighbour's pocket and no' our own that's affected. It was the same when other folks went to fight our battles. Maskee, their places had to be filled and we managed somehow. There was aye a Memorial we could subscribe to.

Then it was that business was good and lots of folk simply couldn't help making far more than was good for them. Ay, that was the strange thing about war profits; they were often thrust upon one. No thought of economics then. It was a case of fill and fetch more till the bottom dropped out of the bucket and it was only when we began to realise that God never intended man to make money easily, but only by the sweat of his brow that an economic disability began to make itself apparent. The exchanges got most of the blame and we didn't seem to be getting our fair share of trade. Somehow prosperity had to be coaxed back. In the meantime we blame the landlord and the compradore and look around for some magical remedy.

It seems to me though, that through it all we miss the point entirely. If there were fewer folks minding things in this world and more of us making something the economic problem would largely settle itself. But that's maybe beside the point.

Anyway, out of a bad business came a searching for cause and effect and lo, the once-despised dry-as-dust economist bobbed up, which only goes to show ye how one man's weakness is often another man's opportunity.

Ay, we've all got to pay for our good times. That reminds me of the notice I once saw on a kirk notice board.

Next Sunday's Subject.

A New world.
No sorrow.
No pain.
No collection.

That last was a lie anyway.

DAY-BY-DAY.

There were two fresh cases of diphtheria reported yesterday, one being British and the other Chinese (fatal). There was also one case of enteric fever, the sufferer being Japanese.

A European, whose name for obvious reasons was not divulged, was yesterday robbed of a sum of \$175 while in a helpless condition in a street at West Point. After a little "celebration" at the Soldiers' Club, he engaged a ricksha and promptly went to sleep in it. After three hours of aimless wandering the coolie grew weary of the "sport," and gently dumped the man at a spot between Water and Whitty Streets and departed. Shortly afterwards a number of men passed by and seeing what easy picking the European provided, rifled his pockets and stole a bundle of notes of the value of \$175. The loss was reported to the police, but it appears there is very little chance of the money being recovered.

In his eagerness to watch other people a watchman stationed at Lascar Row neglected to watch himself. A thief came along and stole a purse from the watchman's pocket, and had it not been for the watchfulness of another watchman—a lunko—he would have watched in vain for the return of his purse. As it turned out the lunko, who had been keeping his eye on the thief for over a quarter of an hour, was right on the spot when the thief started to put his designs on the watchman into practice. When taken before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Police Court this morning the thief pleaded not guilty and produced two "friends," who disappointed him greatly by disclaiming any knowledge of the incident. As a consequence he was taken sharply to task by the Magistrate for "telling lies," and questioned as to his occupation. He was a seaman, it appears, who was recently discharged from the Takada on account of ill-health. Mr. Lindell:—"You are well enough to loaf about the streets and pick the pockets of honest people." Telling lies! Three months.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

The S.P.C.A.

Sir—Some few days ago, I noticed a letter in your columns from "Member Only" seeking information whether 333 represented the sum total of animal lovers in the Colony; or for the reasons why the remainder, retained from joining the Society, I have not seen any criticisms put forward in reply, so I think that it is only fair to conclude that the majority of the people of this Colony (who must be fully aware of the cruelty existing) are totally indifferent to the welfare of dumb animals, at least, those not their own property.

Yours, etc.

"ANOTHER MEMBER"
Hongkong, Dec. 15th, 1921.

The League of Fellowship and Service.

Sir—In justice to the above League, and for the benefit of those who were not present at last Monday's meeting, I desire to point out that the following programme of future work was then suggested by me, namely:

1.—The formation of an Industrial Institute for boys and girls, to serve the purpose of a reformatory for boys and to be also a training school in useful employments for both boys and girls.

2.—The formation of an International Club for the purpose of bringing the different races in the Colony closer together.

3.—The education of children at cinema theatres in various useful subjects.

4.—The formation of a local branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

The Committee, which was appointed at last Monday's Meeting will shortly be convened for the purpose of appointing Special Committees to deal with the above four subjects.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

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ON THE WATERFRONT.

The Kiangchow Arrives This Morning.

The new China Navigation Company's steamer Kiangchow, the third that has arrived from Hongkong, reached Hongkong this forenoon after a voyage on which she behaved well. The new vessel is a duplicate of the Kalgan, which was the first of the new fleet. Two more are due within the next month or so.

The vessels have nearly the same dimensions. Length 310 feet, breadth 44 feet, depth 23 feet, gross weight about 2650 tons, dead weight 3180 tons. They are fitted with turbine machinery and have a speed of about eleven knots.

Charges on N. Y. K. Seattle Line.

Heretofore the N.Y.K. charged a uniform rate for all first-class berths from the Far East to Seattle or Victoria B.C. irrespective of the location and accommodation, except for single-berth cabins and cabins deluxe, to which higher rates were applied. With the object of maintaining more equitable fares, however, the Company has now adjusted the rates and graded them according to the nature of the accommodation offered.

From Yokohama they are as follows:

FIRST CLASS.

Promenade deck single berth cabin ... \$690

Promenade deck two berth cabin ... 600

Bridge deck three berth cabin ... 600

Upper deck single berth cabin ... 600

Upper deck other cabins ... 540

SECOND CLASS.

Upper deck, all cabins ... 350

The rates from Hongkong are as follows:

FIRST CLASS.

Promenade deck, single berth cabin ... \$862

Promenade deck, two berth cabin ... 750

Bridge deck, three berth cabin ... 750

Upper deck, single berth cabin ... 824

Upper deck all cabins ... 675

SECOND CLASS.

Upper deck, all cabins ... 436

Acid and Ether.

The B.I. steamer Tenda from Kobe and Amoy had 9 cabin and 323 deck passengers on board.

All were through passengers. Her cargo was general, but she had 69 cases of acid and ether, from Kobe to Hongkong, on deck.

N.Y.K. Charters Ship.

We hear that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which has contracted for the transportation of wheat from Australia, has decided to charter the Meiko Maru, 6,800 tons dead weight, from the Meiji Marine Transportation Company, at a monthly rate of ¥240 a ton and to place it for a single service in order to facilitate the carrying of shipments from Australia to Japan.

Praise For China Built Ships.

Mr. G. E. Hooks who recently arrived by the Golden State in Shanghai to act as performance engineer on the new American Shipping Board freighter Cathay, built at the Kiangan Dock and Engineering works says that Shipping Board officials are pleased with the ships built in China. The Cathay, the fourth of the Shipping Board's 14,000-ton freighters built at the Chinese government shipping yards, is expected to leave Shanghai for San Francisco in a day two. The three ships of this class which have been delivered by the Chinese yards are the Mandarin, Celestial and Oriental. Every one of them, according to Mr. Hooks, has proved satisfactory in its trial runs and in service.

The contract speed of the freighters is 10 3/4 knots an hour, but in their trial runs they have performed at 13 knots an hour.

A Common Occurrence.

Three men and one woman appeared in the Marine Court this morning before Commander Beck with charges with going alongside the steamer Tenda without the permission of a police officer and before the vessel had been examined by the police yesterday.

Arthur Blackman, L. S. No. 5, who proved the charge, said that this was becoming a common occurrence in the harbour and that native craft had had a number of warnings.

One of the defendants against whom there was no previous conviction, was fined \$10 with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour. The three others had been previously convicted and were fined \$15 with the alternative of 15 days' hard labour.

ONE TROUBLE AFTER ANOTHER.

"Misfortunes never come singly," says the old adage, and few can say that they have never found this to be true. In the case of Mr. P. B. D. Rainaika, employed on the Inginiya Tea Estate, at Matale, Ceylon, malaria was the original trouble and rheumatism followed after. It was not until he drove the rheumatic poison out of his blood by the use of Dr. Williams' pink pills that he found permanent cure. Here are the facts as related by Mr. Rainaika when seen at his home, 451 Rattota Road, Matale a while ago. "Malarial fever pulled me down so greatly that I became a victim to rheumatism which came some great suffering for one and a half years," said he. "My joints swelled horribly, and I suffered intense pain in them, also around my waist and in my right hand. So weak and helpless did I eventually become that I could not stand on my legs and was obliged to take to my bed for six months."

"Nothing prescribed, benefited me and I began to despair of recovery. But one day I was led to try Dr. Williams' pink pills. Then the pains perceptibly lessened day by day. The swelling left my joints, and headaches which had been among my symptoms ceased. By the time that I had finished five bottles of Dr. Williams' pink pills I found myself completely cured. Since then I have kept in excellent health."

Malaria so impoverishes the blood and undermines the system that sufferers from it often fall victim to other maladies as well, chief of which are rheumatism, gout, lumbago and sciatica, also digestive troubles. In all such cases Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, the famous blood and nerve tonic, are of the utmost value. They are obtainable from medicine vendors everywhere, also post free at \$1.50 the bottle, \$5.00 for six bottles, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 95 Sechen Road, Shanghai.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9:00 a.m. to-day:

The typhoon is crossing the Visayas Islands in the form of a shallow depression.

NOTABLE COMPOSERS.



RUBINSTEIN.

Russian Composer of Middle Nineteenth Century.

Anton Rubinstein (1830-1894) was a Russian by birth and the founder of the Russian National Conservatory of Music, yet the majority of his compositions reflect the influence of Romantic School of Germany, where he was educated. Few of Rubinstein's works are characteristically Russian.

The most brilliant pianist of his day, Rubinstein toured Europe and America with dazzling success. His greatest works were for piano; five piano concertos, many quintets for piano and stringed instruments; over one hundred songs, six symphonies, and thirteen operas. His larger works are rarely given, and his fame rests entirely on his piano compositions and a few songs.

MELODY IN F

The Melody in F is the most universally beloved of any of Rubinstein's compositions. It gained its first popularity in America, when it was played there by the great pianist during his tour in 1872-1873. Many verses have been set to this melody for chorus and solo singing. It is a perfect example of poetic thought in the song form.

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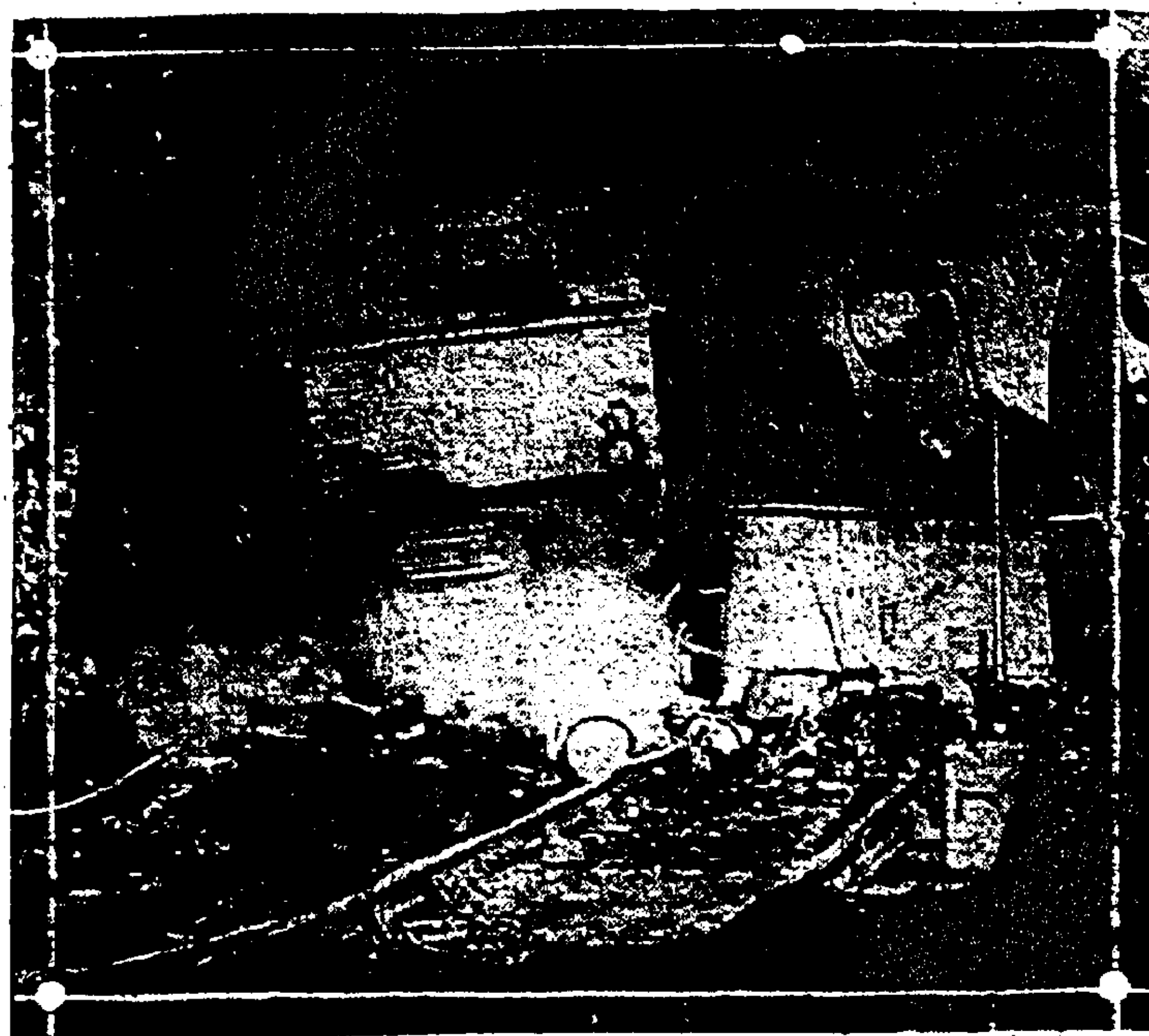
CAMERA NEWS



Harry Lauder driving 200 yards in the foursome play for the Walter Scott cup at Saranac Lake, N. Y.



A leapfrog race was a novel stunt at the Women's International Championships in Paris. Miss Edith Jeffries, of the English team, was a champion leaper.



Twenty-six persons were killed and almost a hundred injured in the fearful railroad accident that occurred recently in the Batignolle tunnel in Paris. The unfortunate who were injured or who lost their lives were all on their way to Paris. The wreck was due to a head-on collision of two fast moving trains which crashed without warning.



Mlle. Palley Anna in action. This picture shows her five feet in the air. She is the star dancer of the Royal Opera of Budapest.



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THE BRAZILIAN NAVY.

The Brazilian Admiralty has declared itself in favour of receiving a foreign mission to reorganize the Brazilian Navy.

FRITZ BECOMES FRENCH.

It is estimated in Paris that some 37,000 German nationals in Alsace-Lorraine are about to apply for nationalization as French citizens.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

CEMENT.

Yau Chun-shou and others have organized the China Cement Manufacturing Company in Chu Yung, Kiangsu, with a capital of Tls. 500,000.

CHANG TSO-LIN—BANKER.

A charter has just been issued by the Ministry of Commerce to the Three Eastern Provinces Bank which, it is understood, will operate in Manchuria under the control of General Chang Tso-lin.

KOBE STEEL WORKS.

The Kobe Steel Works is among those alarmed by the prospect of disarmament, as 75 per cent. of the work consists of the manufacture of arms. It is reported that the works will have to be closed in the event of disarmament being realized. In these circumstances some cautious workers appear to be beginning to demand an increase of discharge money. The company, says a vernacular paper, is ready to discharge as many workers as possible at the first news to hand. Though the works declare the number of workers now in their employ as 2,500, there are really much less than this. It is surmised that all the naval work contracted for has been finished, which prompts the discharge of idle hands in consequence.

STATE AID FOR DANISH INDUSTRIES.

After long consideration, the Danish Cabinet has replied to the demands by manufacturers for measures to alleviate the industrial crisis. A statement was issued to the effect that the Government intends to continue the granting of loans to distressed industries, preference to Danish products, State purchase, the lowering of railway and other rates, and the temporary suspension of duties on raw materials. The new proposals include measures intended to lessen the effects of differential tariffs abroad, the granting of export credits, and the fusion or co-operation of inter-dependent industries such as glassworks and breweries, or shipping companies and shipyards.

TRADE REVIVAL HOPES.

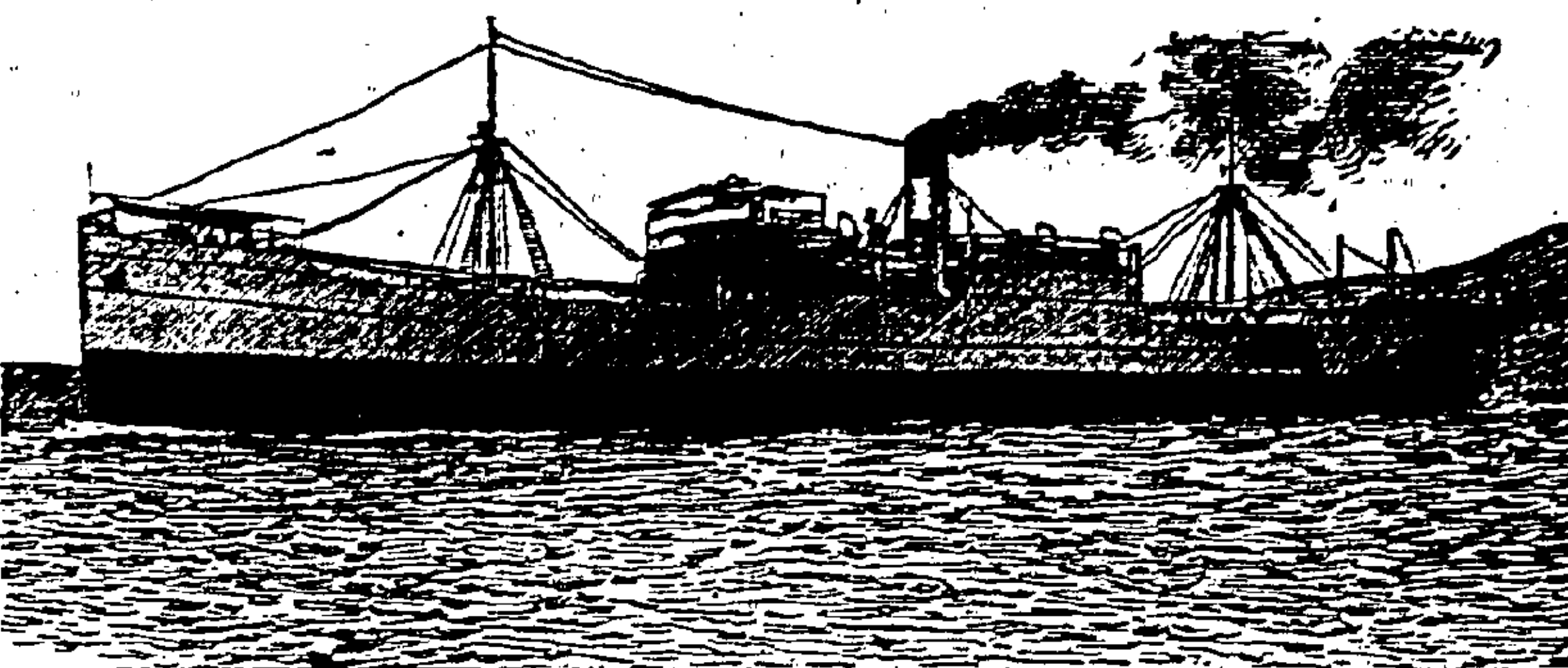
Industrial conditions in South Wales have undergone a pronounced change, states a Home Journal. Colliery share values had been tumbling down rapidly on the Cardiff Stock Exchange, and it seemed as though numerous fortunes would be lost, as they have already been in shipping. However, orders for coal reached the exporters in unexpected volumes from all parts of the world, and cargoes were fixed for Egypt, India, South America, and Italy in sufficient number to give a distinct fillip to the staple industry of South Wales. There were thus manifest signs of an early revival, and as a consequence the downward tendency of coal shares on the Cardiff Stock Exchange was arrested, and there was a sharp rise in all the principal securities. Furthermore, freight rates also advanced, and there is now a possibility of many of the shipping companies recovering their prosperity.

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CHINESE NEWS.

More About Bandits.

Our Canton correspondent reports that an investigation regarding commandeered boats has been ordered by Gen. Chan King-ming on a request made by Ma Kwang-mu, the Civil Governor of Kwangsi. During the war nearly all motor boats in the province were commandeered and many of these should now be returned to the owners to facilitate commercial traffic.

A certain foreign Life Insurance Co. has made a request to the Government to capture the robbers in Kun Shan village, Tai Shan district, as one of their clients has been murdered in an armed robbery.

An urgent telegraphic report from Chen Man, of Hainan, is to the effect that a very big gang of robbers has ravaged the Lin Kong district. Over one thousand men were killed and two thousand females kidnapped. Robberies are still going on daily among the villages. Another report states that over 300 villages and market towns were either wholly or partly burned down after being looted. The authorities have ordered Commander Wong, at Kingchow, to dispatch soldiers immediately.

A Peking telegram states that it is reported that Chang Jok-lin has had a private conversation with the Premier, and has declared that he will not express his opinion in regard to the present situation until Tso Kwan's opinion is obtained. Another report states that the Cabinet will be re-organized.

According to a Shanghai telegram a report from Hupeh states that the Szechuen troops to the west of the province have gradually retreated, either owing to differences between their commanders or to the fact that the Cantonese expeditionary force will not proceed for some time.

We take the following from to-day's Canton Times:

In order to direct the different government affairs more effectively and co-operatively, the Municipal authorities some time ago proposed to centralize the different civil government offices. Murphy & Dana, the famous N. Y. architect and designer of the Rockefeller Medical Institutions of Peking and Yale of Changsha, have been engaged by the government to work out the plan. A special architect has been designated by Murphy & Dana for this plan and he is due here in March.

Seeing that it is necessary to protect vessels from being disturbed by robbers on the water-way during the end of the year, General Lung Wing-hin, Commissioner of Water Police, made a proposal to organize temporarily six gun-boats more to carry on the service. This has been approved by Governor Chan. These additional gun-boats will be in service only two months. As soon as the end of Chinese year is safely passed, and the special protection to vessels on water is not so urgent, these additional gun-boats will then be taken off the routes. The Financial Department has also been instructed by the Governor to furnish certain expenditure for the above purpose.

In order to promote the education of the Chinese children residing abroad in the Philippine Islands and the East Indian Archipelago, Mr. Lee Ho-pun, the former educational investigator to the above mentioned places has submitted a proposal to the Governor suggesting that more schools should be established to furnish a complete education to the Chinese children outside their mother land. Mr. Lee also suggests that the educational funds should be raised in the locality. It is reported that the Educational Bureau has been directed to consider the proposal.

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Demand, Calcutta	194 1/2
On Yokohama	113
Demand, Manila	116
Demand, Singapore	111 1/2
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Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1921.

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12th to 18th Dec., 1921.

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12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Mon. 12	7 15	4.8	Mon. 15	7 15	4.8
Tues. 13	7 44	7.1	Tues. 16	7 44	7.1
Wed. 14	8 13	8.1	Wed. 17	8 13	8.1
Thurs. 15	8 42	8.4	Thurs. 18	8 42	8.4
Fri. 16	9 11	8.7	Fri. 19	9 11	8.7
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Anticyclone appears to have formed over S.E. Mongolia. It will probably spread south-eastward and cause the monsoon to freshen along the coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st, 97.20 inches, against an average of 82.50 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast.
Hongkong & Gap	N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
Rock	N.E. winds, strong.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date	on date
14th	15th	16th
Barometer	30.07	30.07
Temperature	71	65
Humidity	55	64
Wind Direction	E.	E.
Wind Force	3	3
Weather	b	c
Rain	0.00	0.00
Highest open air	Temperature on the 14th	72
Lowest open air	Temperature on the 15th	64

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H. K. Observatory, Dec. 15.

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